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City to Replace Washington Park Ballfield Bleachers

Casper, Wyoming (September 8, 2016) – On Tuesday, August 30th, construction crews began removing the existing bleachers at Washington Park. The bleachers are being replaced with a pre-cast concrete block wall structure and concrete cap. The structure will consist of five levels and two raised platforms that will allow viewing over the dugouts. The bleacher platforms will be approximately five feet wide, allowing viewers to sit in lawn chairs, on blankets, or on the bleachers themselves. The new bleachers will seat 250-400 people.

The bleachers at Washington Park ballfield were over thirty years old and had been repaired and retro-fitted over the years. In 1980, the Babe Ruth Baseball Club raised funds to cover the wooden seats with fiberglass covers. The City of Casper provided funds at that time to retro-fit the bleachers. The new structure is expected to be more multi-use than traditional bleachers and easier for Washington Park visitors to use for other activities.

The \$304,320.71 project was awarded to 71 Construction with WLC Engineering contracted for design and oversight of the project. The rock structure is being purchased from Wyoming Precast Products. The project is being funded by Optional One Cent Funds.

For questions or additional information, contact Beth Andress.